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UCSF Case No.: SF-03-008-4

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In re application of:

Cynthia J. Kenyon et al.

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INVOLVED IN ADULT LIFESPAN
REGULATION

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Examiner: Celine X. Qian

Art Unit: 1636

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Mail Box Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed June 21, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-33, 46, 50-53, drawn to a method for identifying a compound that modulates aging by contacting said compound with a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid that hybridize under stringent condition to a nucleic acid listed in Tables 1, or 3-7, and determining the functional effect of the compound upon the polypeptide. Please also elect species T22G.2 lbp-7 from Table 3 for prosecution.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the six groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-VI would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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